



# *The Daggett Family*

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Frocine Micheal El Murr Daggett  
William Abraham Daggett

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Bottom Row (left to right)

Standing, Mike Mickal, seated Jimmy Daggett, Sittie (Anastasia) Daggett, (daddy's mother), standing, Amelia Mickal, Seated William Daggett, on his lap is Tofie Kihyet, his nephew.

Top Row (left to right)

Towfick Mickal, his wife Shamis Daggett Mickal, Fannie Daggett Kihyet, her husband, Elias Kihyet, in his arms, his son Jamile Kihyet.



#### The Daggett Family Home

In February 1924, William and Frocine purchased the Westfaul home at 356 Krebs Avenue (now 711 Krebs Avenue). The home was built by Frederick Westfaul in 1897. Family member lived in the Home until 1980, at which time it was sold to the law firms of David Kihyet, Claude Bilbo and Pat Watts.



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EL SCHWEIR, LEBANON

We long for you, Oh Mother Schweir we long  
We never can forget your loving care,  
And love to kiss your brow and hear your song;  
You are our only friend when all goes wrong.

We miss your sparkling springs, your clear blue sky,  
Your flowers, your fruit, and your pines that sigh;  
If we can gaze at your genial face  
Then life will be complete when you are nigh.

The scented air of your mountain fill  
Our hearts with joy, our souls a-thrill;  
No matter where your sons and daughters dwell  
They still believe in you and love you still.

Her churches and her schools we must maintain  
So she can keep her pride in her domain;  
Only a little from each will help a lot,  
Be sure to do your part . . . do not refrain.

AMIN BEDER  
Nov. 24, 1942

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This is my gift to my sisters, brother and sister-in-law, Betty, for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

After researching for about two years at the Jackson County Library in the Genealogy Department and the Archives Records in the Chancery Clerk Department, in the Jackson County Court House, I have come up with the following information.

I have also contacted the Dagher Family in Pennsylvania for information, which they forwarded to me.

Hope you will enjoy this as much as I have.

Your Baby Sister,

Melvina (Bena)

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**William A. and Frocine El Murr Daggett**

William Abraham Daggett, Senior, a prominent businessman in Pascagoula, Mississippi, was born in Schwer, Syria (now called Lebanon) on November 12, 1883. His mother's name was Anastasia Granhan, and his father's name was Abraham N. Daggett.

William; his mother Anastasia, two sisters, Shums and Fannie; two brothers, James A., and another (name unknown) migrated to the United States in 1898, leaving their father in Lebanon. Their dream to come to America had come true.

They came via Ellis Island and began their lives in East Port, Maine, making their living by peddling fine lace, traveling by foot from East Port to Portland, Maine. While living in Maine, one brother, the youngest, whose name is unknown drowned. Later William and his family moved to Thibodeaux, Louisiana. We are not sure why William and his family ended up in Louisiana after leaving Maine except he had a Aunt, Mrs. Ammen Shaheen that lived near Thibodeaux, White Castle, and Raceland, Louisiana.

His sister Shums married T. Mickal and Fannie married E.A. Kihyet. His younger brother James A. (Jimmy) died in a Marine Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the young age of twenty-one. He was a wireless Telegraph Operator and lived in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Hearing about the great opportunities along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, William, his mother and brother Jimmy moved to Pascagoula, Mississippi.

On September 29, 1912, William married Frocine Micheal El Murr in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the home of his sister Shums and brother-in-law, T. Mickal. Frocine's father was named Nakhoul El Murr and her mother's name was Karlme Hamoush.

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Frocine migrated to the United States via Ellis Island in 1911 with her sister Adgia, her brother-in-law (Mitchell Owen) and their son Tofie. Later Frocine's sister, Melvina and her husband, Frank Moses, along with her brother Johnny, came to America. Frocine lived in Gulfport, Mississippi with her sister, Adgia, until she married William A. Daggett.

William and Frocine had nine children. Their first son died a few hours after birth in 1913, and is buried in the family pot. Yvonne married Harding William's. Evelyn married Thomas Habeeb. Olga married William Smith. James (Jimmy) married Betty Landers. James (Jimmy) died suddenly on January 1, 1995 while vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tennessee with his wife and son Robert. Melvina married Charles Warner. William, Jr., (Bobby) married Mary Jones. Ellen and Adeline remained single. William and his family lived in an apartment above the Krebs Grocery Store on Krebs Avenue.

William's first store in Pascagoula was called "The Daggett Racket" store and was opened around August 23, 1907, the stock consisting of dry goods and notions. The store was on the corner of Delmas Avenue and Canty Street, known as the Valverde Building. In March, 1912, he moved into his new quarters in the Seaton Old Building on Krebs Avenue and Kerr Street (now Magnolia Street) next door to the Seaton new concrete building. With time his business increased and this move was necessary for larger quarters due to the increase of his stock of goods.

On May 15, 1917, he leased a store on Krebs Avenue. The name of the store was "Daggett's", and was one of the largest department stores in Pascagoula. Included in the lease was a home adjacent to the store where Mr. Daggett and his family lived. The lease provided for the use of one

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stall, and shelter for one wagon. Later in years the building became "The Standard Furniture Store".

In February of 1924, William purchased the Westfaul home at 356 Krebs Avenue, now 711 Krebs Avenue. The home was built by Frederick Westfaul in 1897. Family members lived in the home until 1980, at which time it was sold to the law firms of David Kihyet, Claude Bilbo and Pat Watts.

The "*Big House*", as it was called by the family and grandchildren, was placed on the "*National Register of Historical Places*" in January, 1992

In March, 1927, William moved his department store across the railroad tracks to the corner of Delmas Avenue and Kerr Street (Kerr Street is now called "Magnolia Street"). On August 25, 1930, he moved his business, along with his family, to Gulfport, renting the home while he was away. His store in Gulfport was located at 14th Street next to the Chicago Shoe Store.

Moving back to Pascagoula around 1933, he opened another department store on Delams Avenue across from the Scranton/Pascagoula Fire Station.

About 1935, he closed his department sore and traveled throughout Mississippi selling various articles of clothing.

Around 1942, he worked at the shipyard in Chickasaw, Alabama, commuting back and forth each day. Later, he began working at "Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation" as a burner/tacker. After the war, he was employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife as a Security Guard, then retiring later in life.

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William was a member of the Old Fellow Lodge, the Masonic Lodge #419 F&AM in Pascagoula, and was a volunteer Fireman for the Scranton/Pascagoula Fire Department. He was made a Master Mason on March 13, 1930, and a paid-up member of the Masonic Lodge on November 13, 1956.

Frocine died in Pascagoula, July 10, 1958, and William died in Pascagoula on December 18, 1963. They are buried in the family plot at the "Greenwood Cemetery" in Pascagoula. His sister Fannie, brother Jimmy and mother Anastasia are also buried in the Greenwood Cemetery.

"Uncle Willie", as he was called by friends and relatives, was noted for the beautiful "Red Geraniums" and "Easter Lilies" which grew in the front yard of his home.

William and Frocine have been officially registered in "The American Immigrant Wall of Honor", by the Statute of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation.

Both William and Frocine were members of the Greek Orthodox Church. Not having one in Pascagoula, they joined St. John's Episcopal Church on Live Oak Avenue in Pascagoula and they were members of the church until their death. A cross of Jesus called "The Resurrection" hangs in front of the altar at St. John's. The cross was given in loving memory of Frocine and William by the Daggett family, relatives and friends.

CHRONICLE-STAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1930.

# A Farewell to the People of Pascagoula and Vicinity

After spending 24 years of my life in Pascagoula, the sweet and mysterious "City of the Singing Waters," years that included almost the prime of my life, I am moving my store to another city.

It is hard to read the hidden future of this Ideal Location on the east bank of the Pascagoula River. I have often said and wished that my nine children born here, eight of whom are living and one passed beyond, would see in my lifetime Pascagoula to grow into a real city, a real port, with trunk lines of Railroads, east, north and west, with steamships lines to all parts of the world.

Also, I want the people of Pascagoula to know that my love for this fair city is still in my heart and will be, as long as I live. And I hereby extend my highest regards to the people here and appreciate their patronage in the past, and hope they will continue the same as heretofore. I will not be far from home, but only a short distance away.

I used the word "Home," because I still own my home and other property here, helping, as do the rest, in paying taxes, to keep up the schools and other things for the welfare of the city. My visits here will be regular.

Yours Respectfully,

**WM. A. DAGGETT and FAMILY**

NOTICE—AUGUST 23 IS OUR CLOSE UP DAY.

## LETTERS.

### ATTENTION, SCHOOL PATRONS!

It is generally known that the regular five-year adoption of text books for elementary schools was made by the Elementary Text Book Commission last December. Some weeks or months later contracts were made and signed by the proper authorities for the use of these adopted books in the elementary schools of the state.

stay on the job and render 100 per cent service it is possible to visualize calamities greater than the drought.

P. N. HOWELL

### Weekly Health Suggestions.

By F. J. UNDERWOOD, M. D.  
State Health Officer.

### ARE TEETH LUXURIES?

It takes eighteen years to build a set of teeth that are to last a lifetime.

sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned for the transportation of any high school pupils of the Wolf Ridge School-District who may desire to attend to and from the Escatawpa school, term of 1930-1931.

Bids should be made at so much "per pupil per month," not to exceed \$5.00.

Bids will be opened in the office of the county superintendent, at Court House, on Saturday, August 30, at 9 o'clock a. m.

W. M. ALEXANDER,  
County Supt.

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*Per. Ch. July 7-1917*

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

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## GRAND OPENING SALE

Beginning

MONDAY, JULY 16

Prices will be lower than Wholesale Cost.

# W. A. Daggett

The Store that Keeps the Prices Down.  
Phone 242 Pascagoula, Miss.

<p>FOR SALE—Sorrel Mare, gentle and sound, \$65. Apply to Albert Delmas, Pascagoula, Miss.</p> <p>FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT—Apply to Mrs. C. E. Peterson, Pascagoula street.</p> <p>FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply to Mrs. F. C. Westphal.</p> <p>Mr. A. A. Gettache of Ocean Springs was a business visitor to Pascagoula last Tuesday.</p> <p>Miss Mary McMan of Mobile is the attractive guest of her cousins, Misses Annette and Odette Alley.</p> <p>Mr. Lyman R. Denny of New Orleans is spending his vacation with his father, Hon. W. M. Denny.</p>	<p>Mr. W. H. Westfall of Vancleave was a business visitor to the city the forepart of the week.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Colle and little son and Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Richards spent Monday in Mobile, making the trip in Mr. Colle's new Willys-Knight car.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ankerson and baby of Mobile arrived Friday to visit Mrs. Ankerson's parents. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Becht. Mr. Ankerson returned to Mobile Sunday evening.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ray and attractive little daughter Myra of New Orleans came over Thursday evening and spent until Sunday evening with Mrs. Ray's parents and other relatives here and at Gautier.</p>
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**DAGGETT'S**

**GRAND REMOVAL SALE**

In going into my New Store,  
THE SEATON OLD BUILDING, KREBS AVENUE,  
I am inaugurating a

**Price Slashing Sale**

That assures you rare opportunity to secure  
**First-Class Ladies' and Gent's Clothing,**  
**Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Notions**  
Of Latest Design at prices never before quoted to you.

SALE BEGINS ON  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 9,**  
Continuing **TEN Days.**

Call and see for yourself the Rare, Real Bargains existing.

**WILLIAM A. DAGGETT**

KREBS AVENUE, PASCAGOULA, MISS.

What Shall I Wear this Christmas?

This store answers the great problem for you.

Bear in mind that our store sells the Grade Merchandise in this city.

Regal Shoes, Falcon Hats, Eff Eff Clothing, Dry Goods, Fur Coats, Kabo and American Beauty Corsets, Sanitary Underwear, Hosiery and Notions.

Bargain Days: Mondays and Fridays during the month of December.

**Wm. A. DAGGETT**

Phone 242. KREBS AVENUE

Pascagoula, Miss.

*Democrat Star 12-5-1912*

# Have You Ever Seen a Live Baby "Snookum" Bear?

We will have several here on  
**BEAR BRAND HOSIERY DAY**  
Wednesday, November 11

As a special attraction for the children (and the grown-ups) we will have on display several tiny live "Snookum" Bears imported from Mexico by the Bear Brand Hosiery Co. They will perform at intervals throughout the day, and a novel walking reproduction of these baby bears, as well as a free Bear Brand Balloon or Flyer will be given to EVERY CHILD ACCOMPANIED BY A "GROWN-UP."

## Free FAB for the Ladies

To the first 150 purchasers of Bear Brand Ladies' Hose we are presenting FREE a full size package of Colgate's Fab.

# Daggett's

"THE STORE WITH A CONSCIENCE"

## Jackson County's "Best Store"

PASCAGOULA (MISS.) CHRONICLE-STAR

# DAGGETT'S BIG REMOVAL SALE

## Sale Starts Saturday, Aug. 9, Closes Saturday, Aug. 23

AT LAST WE HAVE DECIDED TO SELL OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK AT UNHEARD OF SACRIFICE PRICES THAT WILL ASTONISH THE PUBLIC, AND WILL PLEASE THE BUYERS BY COSTING A WHOLE LOT LESS MONEY FOR THEIR CLOTHING.

THIS CLOSING OUT SALE IS NOT ONLY ON STOCK, BUT ALSO ON FIXTURES SUCH AS CLOTHING AND HAT CABINETS, SHOW CASES, LIGHT FIXTURES, SHELVES, IRON SAFE, ADDING MACHINE, TYPEWRITER AND OTHER FIXTURES. ALL THESE ITEMS SELL IN LUMP AND NOT BY PIECE.

ALSO HOME FOR SALE OR RENT, AND ONE LOT ON DELMAS AVENUE NEXT TO THE HOTEL, AND ONE BIG LOT ON LINCOLN AVENUE AND ROOSEVELT STREET. NOW IS THE TIME TO OWN UP-TO-DATE AND CONVENIENT HOME WITH A BIG FUTURE FOR ITS LOCATION.

MOVING TO GULFPORT AUGUST 25, where we will be located on 14th St. next to Chicago Shoe Store

FALL AND WINTER SUITS, some with hats, \$29.50	IDE SHIRTS, with and without collars, plain and fancy, \$1.75	BOYS' RIBBED UNION SUITS, \$75c	LADIES' BATHING SUITS, slightly damaged, \$1
FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$24.95	IDE SHIRTS, with and without collars, white and fancy, \$4.75	BOYS' SUMMER UNION SUITS, 45c	LADIES' FALL AND WINTER COATS, \$16.95
FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$18.95	MEN'S SHIRTS, with and without collars, white and fancy, \$1.15	MEN'S TIES, hand made, \$1.75	LADIES' FALL AND WINTER COATS, \$14.95
FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$14.95	MEN'S SHIRTS, hand made, \$1.15	MEN'S TIES, hand made, \$1.25	LADIES' FALL AND WINTER COATS, \$11.95
BOY'S FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$7.45	MEN'S RUCK SKIN SHIRTS, \$3.45	MEN'S TIES, \$1	Blankets, large size, \$3.45
MEN'S SUMMER SUITS, \$17.45	MEN'S HOCKEY CHAIR and IDE UNION SUITS, \$75c	MEN'S TIES, \$1.25	Blankets, large size, \$2.75
MEN'S SUMMER SUITS, \$16.45	MEN'S UNION SUITS, \$59c	MEN'S TIES, \$1.25	Blankets, large size, \$1.95
MEN'S SUEDE WASH SUITS, \$10.45	B. V. D. SHIRTS AND PANTS, \$59c	MEN'S BELTS, \$1.25	
MEN'S PURITAN SUITS, \$9.45	OTIS UNDERWEAR SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, \$59c	MEN'S BELTS, \$1.25	
MEN'S TOP AND OVERCOATS, \$18.45	SPALDING BATHING SUITS, \$3.45	MEN'S CAPS, \$1.95	
MEN'S TOP COATS, \$14.95	2 MEN'S ALL WOOL BATHING SUITS, \$1.95	MEN'S CAPS, \$1.45	
YOUNG MEN'S FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$10.45	CHILDREN'S ALL WOOL BATHING SUITS, \$1.45	ALL MEN'S STRAW HATS, \$1	
YOUNG MEN'S FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$9.95	CHILDREN'S COTTON BATHING SUITS, \$35c	MEN'S VANITY FELT HATS, \$5.95	
BOYS' FALL AND WINTER SUITS, \$5.95	HAPPYMADE OVERALLS AND JUMPERS, \$1.45	MEN'S NO NAME HATS, \$4.25	
BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS, \$3.95	HAPPYMADE OVERALLS, \$1.25	2 NOOGA HIDE HAND BAGS, \$4.95	
BOYS' TOP COATS, \$4.45	BLUE DENIM PANTS, \$1.35	MEN'S PAJAMAS, \$1.95	
MEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT RUBBER COATS, \$6.95	OTIS PIN CHECK PANTS, \$1.20	MEN'S PAJAMAS, \$1.75	
MEN'S BROWN WATER PROOF COATS, \$4.95	DRESS PANTS, all wool, guaranteed to give satisfaction, \$6.50	MEN'S PAJAMAS, \$1.45	
BOYS' BROWN RAIN PROOF COATS, \$3.45	DRESS PANTS, \$7.50 and \$8.50 pair, closing out, \$5.45	MEN'S LEATHER BOOTS, \$6.75	
MEN'S FROST RAIN SUITS, \$4.25	DRESS PANTS, \$6 and \$7 pair, closing out, \$4.75	MEN'S LEATHER BOOTS, \$5.95	
FLORENCE SHOES, large and low cuts, \$6.95	DRESS PANTS, \$5 and \$5.50 pair, closing out, \$3.75	LADIES' SILK DRESSES, \$10.45 and \$12.75 dress, closing out, \$6.45	
FLORENCE SHOES, large and low cuts, \$2.45	DRESS PANTS, \$4 and \$4.50 pair, closing out, \$3.25	LADIES' SILK DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$3.45	
MEN'S BUSH OXFORDS, \$7.95	DRESS PANTS, \$3 and \$3.50 pair, closing out, \$2.25	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1.25	
MEN'S BUSH OXFORDS, \$6.75	MEN'S WHITE PANTS with lace, \$1.95	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
NATURAL RIDGE ARCH OX. FORDS, \$3.95	U. S. RED RUBBER HIP BOOTS, \$5.95	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
ONE PAIR OF MEN'S OXFORDS, \$2.45	U. S. RED RUBBER KNEE BOOTS, \$3.95	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
ONE PAIR OF BOYS' WORKING SHOES, \$1.45	U. S. RED RUBBER BOOTIES, \$3.25	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
25 per cent off on all Men's Working Shoes.		LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
IDE SHIRTS, with and without collars, \$2.25	MEN'S GENUINE LEATHER COAT, \$9.95	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	
IDE SHIRTS, with 2 collars to match, \$4.75	MEN'S HAYNES RIBBED UNION SUITS, \$1	LADIES' DRESSES, \$11.95 and \$13.95 dress, closing out, \$1	

REMEMBER EVERYTHING IN THE STORE FOR SALE AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT EACH ITEM DOWN ON THIS SHEET. COME AND ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED.



Daggett's



WE INVITE YOU TO COME  
TO THE  
**Seranton Fire Co. Picnic**  
**AT PAQUETTE'S PARK**  
**Monday, July 5th, 1915**

**SPECIAL TRAIN**—The Pascagoula-Moss Point Northern will run a special Train.

**GATE PRIZES**

Be sure to keep your ticket because it gives you a chance to win one of the

**THREE VALUABLE GATE PRIZES**

- 1st Prize—**GOLD WATCH**, donated by Pascagoula St. Ry. & Power Company.  
2d Prize—**\$10.00 IN GOLD**, donated by Merchants & Marine Bank.  
3d Prize—**\$10.00 IN GOLD**, donated by Pascagoula National Bank.

**OTHER PRIZES**

- Boys' 50 yard Backward Race, over 14 years, scarf pin, by J. D. Crane.  
Boys' 50 yard Backward Race, over 14 years, electric flash light, by F. D. Beeht.  
Men's 100 yard Race, box cigars, by E. Kihivet.  
Fat Men's 75 yard Race, box cigars, by C. H. Alley Co.  
Girls' 75 yard Race, under 14 years, box of candy, by The Paragon.  
Girls' 100 yard Race, under 14 years, ring, by Robt. Reinecke.  
Girls' Egg and Spoon Race, under 14 years, fancy parasol, by Wm. A. Daggett.  
Girls' Egg and Spoon Race, over 14 years, photo album, by W. M. Canty.  
Men's Tug of War, box of cigars, by M. Naman; Captain \$3 hat, by L. E. Cox.  
Girls' Potato Race, under 14 years, 2 lb box candy, by Palace Pharmacy.  
1. Ladies' Potato Race, parasol, by W. D. Hughes.  
Ladies' 100 yard Walking Race, hand bag, by Mrs. Geo. Granlund.  
Boys' Egg and Spoon Race, knife, by J. F. Cassanova.  
4. Boys' 100 yard Walking Race, under 14 years, bathing suit, by G. Nelson.  
5. Men's 100 yard Walking Race, safety razor, by L. P. DeJean & Son.



2-H—Mississippi Press People and Progress

Kihyet, Dagget, Lee, Dickson

# County businessmen forged new paths

By TOM DONNELLY  
Mississippi Press Business Editor

The formal opening of Kihyet's Super Food Market at the corner of Delmas Avenue and Pascagoula Street on Oct. 20, 1939, opened a new era in the grocery business.

"It was the biggest supermarket in the state of Mississippi," says Jamile Kihyet, one of two surviving members of the Kihyet family that operated the store which closed in 1955.

Two "firsts" for this area introduced by the store were pushcarts for groceries and putting the meat market under the same roof with the store's grocery section.

"Back in those days, the store was in one building and the meat market might be down the street in another building, even if it was owned by the same people."

"We put the meat market under the same roof, all of it together, before we moved into the new brick building at the corner of Delmas Avenue and Pascagoula Street," Kihyet recalled.

Thus, Kihyet's Super Food Market was a forerunner for some of today's giant discount groceries in Pas-Point such as Jerry Lee's on Ingalls Avenue and Wayne Lee's on Telephone Road.

The super food market had 10,000 square feet, and it employed 25 people, apart from owner Elias Anton Kihyet, his wife, Fannie, and four sons, Toffie, Jamile, Moneer and Anton.

Elias Anton Kihyet died in 1945. His wife died several years thereafter, and the four sons continued to run the food market. Moneer died at the age of 37 in 1951, and the surviving brothers sold the huge store in 1955 to Food Town Stores of Mobile. The Alabama chain moved the store location in 1957 to the eastern part of Pascagoula.

The patriarch of the Kihyet family, Elias Anton, first opened fruit and vegetable stand, which also sold cigarettes, sandwiches, "soda water, tobacco, fishing tackle and other

brick building then. And in 1939, we built the new, brick Super Food Market."

Another pioneer of the Pascagoula business district who helped lay the foundation for contemporary department stores in the area was William A. Daggett, who operated a clothing and shoe store for men and women.

His business first was located at the corner of Krebs Avenue and Kerr (Magnolia) Street. From there he moved across the railroad tracks to Delmas Avenue for expansion purpose — where the old Rosenblum Store had done business.

Area historians say Daggett's store was one of the largest department stores in Pascagoula, if not the largest, in the early 1900s.

Corner drugstores were an integral part of the downtown business communities throughout Jackson County during that time.

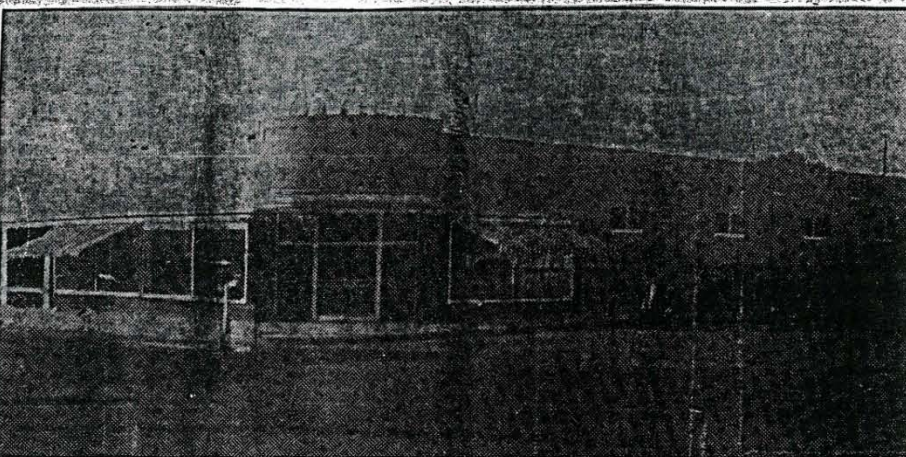
But time has removed all of them, with perhaps one or two exceptions where owners have attempted to preserve them, despite expansions and remodeling.

But it isn't the same as it was — pharmacists were druggists who mixed their own medicines and kids and businessmen perched on stools and hunched over sodas or coffee at the "soda fountain counter."

The Palace Pharmacy at Delmas Avenue and Magnolia Street and C.J. May's drugstore, one block east on Delmas Avenue, were pictures from the past in Pascagoula which somehow managed to survive until an urban renewal program in the early 1970s completely changed the inner city.

Burnham's Drugs on Main Street in Moss Point refused to relinquish all contact with the past when it was renovated, remodeled and enlarged some few years ago. Owners Bill Knight and Harry Lane kept their food counter and booths as close to the past as possible.

Main Street businessmen and professionals in the city gathered at the counter every morning to drink coffee and discuss world affairs before they



Kihyet's Super Food Market at Delmas and South Pascagoula

## People/progress 1986:

A salute to those persons who have served and directed our community through the years

Escatawpa groceryman, and founded Dickson's Clothing (a department) Store on Main Street. He also served as an alderman and city clerk before gaining election as mayor.

If Wayne Lee could have realized what he was about to accomplish in Jackson County when he first came here from Columbia, Miss., in 1943, he probably wouldn't have believed it possible.

He opened a meat market on Telephone Road in those World War II years, and his small son, Jerry, was quietly being groomed to become one of the county's most successful businessmen, as well as a future community leader.

Lee returned to Columbia in 1947, but returned here permanently in 1953 and once

Often plagued by fire and hurricanes, Jerry Lee has always bounced back bigger and better than ever at his Ingalls Avenue location.

A few days ago he reopened Jerry Lee's after fire and Hurricane Elena put him out of business temporarily.

It is one of the largest and most modern groceries in the southeastern part of the U.S.

He also opened Jerry Lee's in Gautier in 1972 and Publik Warehouse on U.S. 90 east in 1974. Both businesses have grown considerably since they were opened.

While Jerry Lee was growing and building, his father and younger brother, Perry, along with his brother-in-law, Steve Krebs, and Mrs. Nita Lee were continuing to build Wayne Lee's



WAYNE LEE, now deceased, opened his store on Telephone Road in 1953 which has grown over the years employing hundreds while serving the community.



JERRY LEE, presently chairman of the Port Authority, branched into the grocery business in 1958 and moved to his Ingalls Avenue location in 1959 where his store has expanded over the years.

Jackson Countians in need in a wide variety of ways.

Both Jerry and Perry agree that their father had vowed never to turn away anyone who was hungry simply because he didn't have money for the

cent occupancy of its 101 store spaces, which contained a total of 488,064 square feet. However the opening of Sears in the mall last year increased the size to 636,053 square feet and the parking lot's 3,000 spaces in 1981

CO, using truck and other vehicles items, around 1910 on Street (now Magnolia).

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A number of chain-owned, discount drug stores now scattered across the county owe their existence to those early drugstores which paved the way for them, and another dispensation.

Former Moss Point Mayor T.J. Dickson, who died in the 1970s, helped modernize business on Main Street in his city, as did the fathers of the present Wood and Delashmet families which have continued in business in Moss Point.

Dickson was the son of an

more opened a grocery in the same location on Telephone Road.

The years came and went as Lee continued to expand Wayne Lee's Grocery. In 1953, Jerry Lee returned home from the U.S. Marines to work in the business with his father.

Jerry branched out on his own in 1958 with a small grocery on east Live Oak Street. He, his wife and a teen-ager by the name of Milton Cullen operated the store, which grew so rapidly that Lee moved to Ingalls Avenue in May of 1959, where he expanded

into a giant discount grocery.

Wayne completed the present Wayne Lee's Grocery in 1972, and he fulfilled a dream by opening another giant Wayne Lee's in Lucedale about a year before he died in 1978.

The Wayne Lee family still runs both the Pascagoula and Lucedale stores, while Jerry operates his three stores.

The Lee family has done far more than provide hundreds of jobs for Jackson Countians over the years, it has continued Wayne's humanitarian philosophy by helping countless

didn't have money for the purchase of food.

Shopping centers with giant chain-owned stores have been constructed all over the county during the past two decades, and the downtown business district was revamped into a shopping plaza or mini-mall.

A number of large shopping centers have been built on U.S. 90 in Gautier especially during the past two decades. That growth was capped off in 1981 with the opening of Singing River Mall, also on U.S. 90.

The mall opened with 50

parking lot's 3,000 spaces in 1981 were upped to 3,500 vehicle spaces.

Sears moved onto the west side of the mall at the completion of a large construction program. The store is one of the most modern Sears stores in the U.S.

Out of the 14 malls (owned and managed by Herring Marithon Group of Dallas, Texas) the Gautier Mall was No. 1 in sales increase in 1985, and several chain-owned stores in the mall were No. 1 in sales volume.



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your plant. At the bottom of this hole, loosen the soil to a depth of four inches. Then fill the hole with a mixture of one third sand, one third peat moss and one third oak leaf mold--especially live oak leaves.

Oak leaf mold may be prepared in the following manner: when leaves are raked place them in a pit of some kind, and let them stand for a year. They must be rotted as they are to take the place of the earth in the mixture, dry oak leaves will not suffice.

When you have planted your azaleas, soak them with water, then do not water them again until the plants look dry.

As most people know, azaleas have shallow roots and must not be worked. They need plenty of water, especially in summer, and should be planted in a well drained spot. They seem to do well up against a house or near other small bushes in partial shade, and apparently a northern exposure is best for them. It is a good idea to rake leaves around them to keep the soil cool and damp about their roots, in summer.

The lower branches of an azalea spread along the ground and take root. If you wish to take a layer from a large bush, place a brick on one of these branches, being careful not to break the branch. Within six months, or a year, the layer will take root and may be cut off from the bush. In transplanting azaleas, it is best to move them when they are in full bloom.

The State Board of the A. and M. College are good to consult about any plants. They answer letters promptly and give excellent advice. They recommend the use of rock phosphate for fertilizing azaleas. The azaleas of the famous magnolia gardens in South Carolina, which are supposed to be the finest in this country, grow in rock phosphate soil. Rock phosphate is rather hard to obtain here, but a certain amount mixed with the soil when you first plant an azalea usually brings wonderful results.

If your plants looks unhealthy, and you find they are attacked by red spider or some fungus diseases, spray them with Bordeaux mixture No. 4-5-5 being careful to spray the under sides of the leaves. If a cold spell comes along, when your azaleas are beginning to bloom, either cover them up or prepare to weep, as we were doing this spring over a lot of wrecked bushes.

About 140,000 Frenchmen are members of the Legion of Honor.

ness in Buoxi, Ocean Springs and Pass Christian.

The couple has eight children: Mrs. W. J. E. Mansfield, Mrs. G. F. Mansfield, Mrs. J. P. King and F. D. Veillon of Pascagoula; E. J. Veillon of Mobile, G. J. Veillon of Pasadena, Cal., Mrs. Odette Hogan of New Orleans and Mrs. R. D. North of New York City. They also have 21 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

#### MRS. DAVID SMITH.

Mrs. Flora Smith, wife of Mr. David Smith of this city, died at her late residence, 632 Bayou street, on Sunday, August 24, at 10:10 p. m. The funeral was held from the family residence on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Z. T. Sullivan pastor of the Baptist church officiating. Interment was in Machpelah cemetery, with the following pall bearers: Albert Richards, Joe Krebs, Henry Richards, Tom Loris, Will Brondum and Chas. J. Moe. A large number of friends followed the remains to the grave, which, after the ceremony, was covered with lovely flowers, the silent but fragrant offerings of friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Smith was born in Canada, in 1859, and has lived in Pascagoula since 1902. She was married to Mr. Smith in 1876 at South Haven, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, David Smith, and one son, Robert C. Smith, of Detroit. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Smith, and a half brother and a half sister in Cameron, Wisconsin.

The Chronicle-Star joins the many friends of Mr. David Smith and his son, Robert C. Smith, in expressions of sympathy for them in their bereavement.

#### DAGGETT'S STORE CLOSED AND REMOVED TO GULFPORT

Wm. A. Daggett closed his store in this city last Saturday night, and during the week has removed the remainder of his stock to Gulfport, where he will conduct a store in the Hewes building. For the present his family will remain in Pascagoula, but will go to Gulfport to live when Mr. Daggett's disposes of his home here. Their many friends here will regret the removal of Mr. Daggett and his family, but wish them happiness and prosperity wherever they may go.

A hotel operated in England provides exclusively for tramps and gives them a new chance in life.

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<p>Mobile to make that city his future home. Mr. Colsson has been with the L. &amp; N. Railroad for the past 33 years, and as a reward for faithful service has now been placed on the retired list with a substantial pension, so that he may live the remainder of his life in ease. We regret to lose such citizens, but wish him health and happiness in his new home.</p> <p>Mr. J. H. Price of Vancleave, was in Pascagoula on Wednesday attending the county teachers meeting.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simmons are the proud parents of a brand new baby girl, born Thursday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Kell. Mrs. Simmons will be remembered as Miss Eunice Kell, a Pascagoula girl, and her many friends here will join this paper in congratulations and best wishes for the future of the precious little lady.</p> <p>The Picket Boat No. 231, from Barataria, La., arrived in port yesterday, and will receive repairs at the machine shop of Rogers Brothers in Moss Point.</p> <p>The ladies golf tournament Wednesday night resulted in Mrs. Horace Nelson winning first prize a \$2.50 gold piece. Those who entered the contest were Miss Peggy Martin, Mrs. M. P. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Ledbetter, Mrs. Mary Bolen, Mrs. Leon Riles, Miss Josephine Toricelli.</p> <p>Wm. A. Daggett, who closed up his store here last week and moved same to Gulfport, has moved his family over there also, two big moving vans coming over Wednesday to get his household effects.</p> <p>Services at the Episcopal church will be at the usual hours, 9:45 a. m. for Sunday school; and 11:00 a. m. morning service with Holy Communion. The vacation of the Sunday school has ended, as also the early service hour which prevailed during the heated season.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action Must Follow Vision</b></p> <p>A vision of what should be done never becomes a reality unless it is backed by the mental or physical equipment to do it, and the determination to get it done. He who sees clearly and acts energetically, to him is the world.—Grit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>His Remuneration</b></p> <p>The well-known Mr. Williams, author and cartoonist, would have been delighted with a view of juvenile ambition, and to some extent of capitalistic oppression on State street recently.</p> <p>Cleaning the sidewalk outside a candy store on the corner of State and Hancock streets, a youngster, hardly out of the stage of natural bowed legs, was sweeping with a broom so large in comparison with him, that he scarcely reached above the brush.</p> <p>"How much are you getting?" said a passerby.</p> <p>"An ice cream cone," lisped the sweeper.—Springfield Union.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salt Tax Is Old One</b></p> <p>Modern Europe, it is commonly believed, inherited the salt tax from the Orient, or possibly from the Venetians who became noted makers and vendors of the sea-born commodity. France had vast natural stores of it, and was among the first nations of the western world to tax it. That resented impost, the gabelle du sel, or tribute of salt, was one of the causes of the French revolution, so heavily did the peasant have to pay the kings for a little seasoning in his pot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Too Careless</b></p> <p>Mary Emma noticed that her older sister was thinking profoundly, and asked what was the matter.</p> <p>"Oh, I can't remember where the Appalachians are," her sister replied.</p> <p>"Well," said Mary Emma with great dignity, "that's just what you get for misplacing things."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUST A FEW HELPS FOR PROOF OF WANT ADS. CHRONICLE</b></p> <p>The following constitute many characters of advertisement for use in the Price 10 cents per line—no advertisement cents.</p> <p>Lost. Found. Strayed. Automobile Wanted Automobile For Sale Automobile For Exchange Trucks Wanted. Truck For Sale. Tractor Wanted. Tractors For Sale. Boys Wanted. Agents Wanted. Salesmen Wanted. Female Help Wanted. Male Help Wanted. Male or Female Help Situation or Position Work Wanted. Boarding Houses For Furnished Rooms For Hotels For Rent. Cafes For Rent. Light Housekeeping Wanted to Rent. Business Property Wanted Real Estate Notices of Society Money to Loan. Dogs Wanted. Dogs For Sale. Birds Wanted. Birds For Sale. Chickens For Sale. Chickens Wanted. Eggs Wanted. Eggs For Sale. Fruits and Vegetables Farm Implements For Horses For Sale. Mules For Sale. Plants for Sale. Wanted A Boy. Business Opportunities Money to Loan. Household Goods For Office Store Fixtures Miscellaneous For Sale Swap This For That Typewriters For Sale Typewriters For Rent Wanted To Purchase Houses For Rent. Unfurnished Rooms Farms For Sale. Real Estate For Trade Wanted To Borrow.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PERKINSTON JUNIOR COLLEGE WILL BEGIN SESSION SEPT. 8</b></p> <p>The Junior College and High School at Perkinston, Miss., will begin its 1930-31 session Monday, September 8, with Prof. W. H. Hoyle of Gulfport as the speaker at the first general assembly which will be held at ten o'clock a. m. The public is invited to attend.</p> <p>It is stated by Supt. Darby that the enrollment this year will exceed by considerable number the enrollment of last year. The institution now enjoys the distinction of membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.</p> <p>The morning of September 8 will be devoted to classification of high school students and the formal opening exercises.</p>	<p>The way to rent rooms or houses is to use the want ads. Phone 150.</p>

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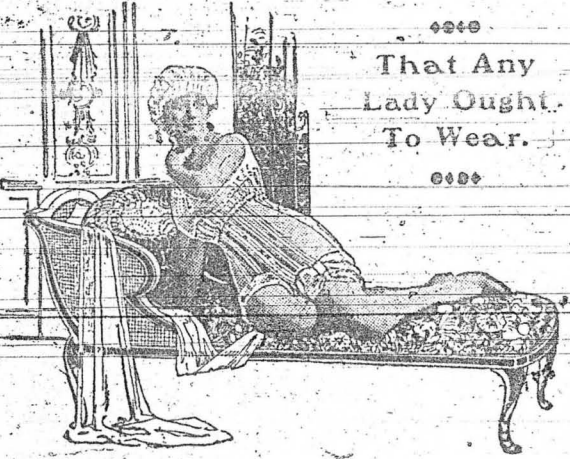


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PASCAGOULA DEMOCRAT

## Here is the Best Line of Corsets in the Country

That Any Lady Ought To Wear.



They are Guaranteed not to rust and to wear longer than any other Corsets.

The Only Store on the Gulf Coast that sell the Best 50c Ladies Silk Hose. Come and look them up.

Also we sell the Best Lines of Ladies Dress Goods and Ready to Wear.

**William A. Daggett,**  
REGAL SHOE STORE  
Phone 242, Pascagoula, Miss.  
"The Store That Keeps The Prices Down."

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. A. C. Ames left Wednesday for Tampico, Mexico.

Miss Anna Broadum is visiting her sister in New Orleans.

Louis Krebs took in the excursion to Pensacola this week.

Mr. Fred Lindinger went to Pensacola on the excursion last Monday.

Miss Virra Haire, of Bogalusa, La., is visiting Mrs. T. T. Bishop and family.

Mr. Edmond Jane and family have moved to their beach home for the summer.

Messrs. Geo. Gramling and S. H. Frederic caught a nice bunch of fish on Wednesday.

Mr. E. J. Jane, J. Evans and C. E. Frederic went to Mobile in Frederic's auto, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens and daughter Helecia, visited Ocean Springs Thursday.

Mr. Otis Sharp and family of New Orleans will shortly take possession of their beach home here.

Mr. R. L. Langford, of Grand Bay, Ala., was a visitor to our city Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Madames W. A. Hall and Robert Reincke spent last week in New Orleans, returning Monday.

Mrs. Alice Jackson and family returned to Waveland, Miss., after a week's stay with friends here.

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# DAGGETT'S VICTORY SALE

ONE WEEK ONLY  
BEGINNING SATURDAY, MARCH 1st  
ENDING SATURDAY, MARCH 8th

Our reason for putting on this Great Victory Sale immediately following our Big Reduction Sale is that we are still overstocked with goods, due to the flu epidemic and the closing down for several weeks of one of our big shipbuilding plants. If prices mean anything to you we are going to sell these goods, regardless of cost or profit. Our loss is your gain.

## JUST A FEW OF OUR SACRIFICE PRICES:

### SPECIALS FOR LADIES

We allow you 10 per cent on our line of 1919 low cut shoes. Now is the time to buy your low cut shoes at sacrifice prices.

### LADIES' COATS

Big line of Ladies' Coats, Victory Price ----- \$2.98  
Ladies' Coat Suits, Coats and Sweaters at prices \$2 to \$5 below cost.

### LADIES' UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Underwear at prices that will pay to buy them now and save them for next winter. Prices 59c, 89c, 98c a garment.

### SKIRTS

Big line of ladies Skirts, regular \$1.50 and \$ a Skirt, Victory Price ----- 98c

### ATTENTION

Many complain about high prices in merchandise in this town. Certainly it is high. But many don't look for the real store that has prices 10 to 20 per cent lower than the others. Whose fault is it, yours or the store owner. No doubt it is yours. Why should you pay for your dress gingham and other dress goods 5c to 10c per yard higher than our prices when you know that our prices are lower.

### SPECIAL FOR MEN

Working Shoes at prices below the factory prices. This week is the last week to buy your working Shoes at Sacrifice Prices.

### DRESS SHOES

Our Sale on high top Shoes still on. Our prices suit everybody's pocket.

### SUITS! SUITS! SUITS!

Now is the time to buy your winter suits at half price. Come and look at the quality and prices we are offering this week.

### HEAVY UNDERWEAR

We have special prices on heavy underwear. Men's Ribbed and Elasticated Underwear regular \$1.25 a garment, sale price ----- 79c  
Men's Cooper Union Suits, regular \$2.25 a suit, Victory Price ----- \$1.49

### DRESS SHIRTS

Every Shirt in the store is reduced. We can dress you from foot to head, and we can save you from \$10 to \$15 on the outfit.

### OVERALLS AND PANTS

Every pair of Overalls and Pants reduced about 20% less than the regular prices.

### HATS AND CAPS

Stetson, Roma, Star, Delta, and Falcon Hats at Victory Prices. Don't fail to buy your Hat from us.

### COMFORTS AND BLANKETS

Don't think that the cool weather is over. Many cool nights yet and now's the chance to buy bed covers at the lowest prices.

EVERY ITEM IN HOUSE REDUCED

# WM. A. DAGGETT

PHONE 242

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HEAVY FINE FOR STREET

RAILWAY COMPANY.

A Tonic Laxative

that will remove the bile from the Liver and cleanse the System THOROUGHLY without effort.

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**TOO BUSY** 

marking up new goods and rearranging  
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you will be satisfied and anxious to buy

**Wm. A. Daggett**  
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**Surely The Presence**

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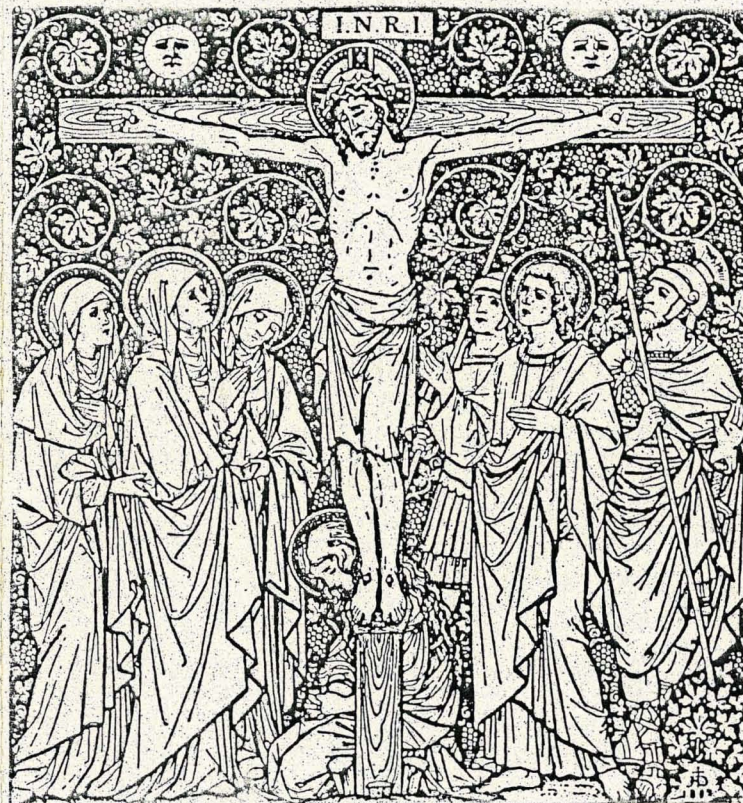
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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**ELLEN NASTISIA DAGGETT**

**September 16, 1917 - August 16, 1998**



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**



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**REQUIEM EUCHARIST**

August 18, 1998

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Procession	<i>"He is Risen"</i>	Hymn 180
Anthems		Prayer Book Page 491
The Collect		Prayer Book Page 493
First Lesson		<i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i>
Psalm 23		Prayer Book Page 476
Second Lesson		<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>
Sequence	<i>"Onward, Christian Soldiers"</i>	Hymn 562
Gospel		<i>John 6:37-40</i>
Homily		
Apostles' Creed		Prayer Book Page 496
The Prayers		Prayer Book Page 497
The Peace	(We greet one another in the name of the Lord.)	

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	H-286
<b>THE GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		
Eucharistic Prayer D		Prayer Book Page 372
The Lord's Prayer		Prayer Book Page 364
<b>Communion Hymns</b>		
<i>"Surely the Presence"</i>		Reverse Side
<i>"I Am the Bread of Life"</i>		H-252
<i>"Alleluia No. 1"</i>		H-292
Post Communion Prayer		Prayer Book Page 498
The Blessing		
The Dismissal		
Processional	<i>"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"</i>	Hymn 207

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*Elise L. Everett*  
Organist-Choir Director

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that *"neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord."*

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of Our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



In the Episcopal Church we believe that Our Lord Jesus Christ is really, truly and objectively present in the sacrament of His Body and Blood and that *"in these Holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ and Christ with us."* Therefore, we invite those who have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who recognize our Lord's Presence in these Sacred Mysteries, and who are properly prepared, to receive Communion.



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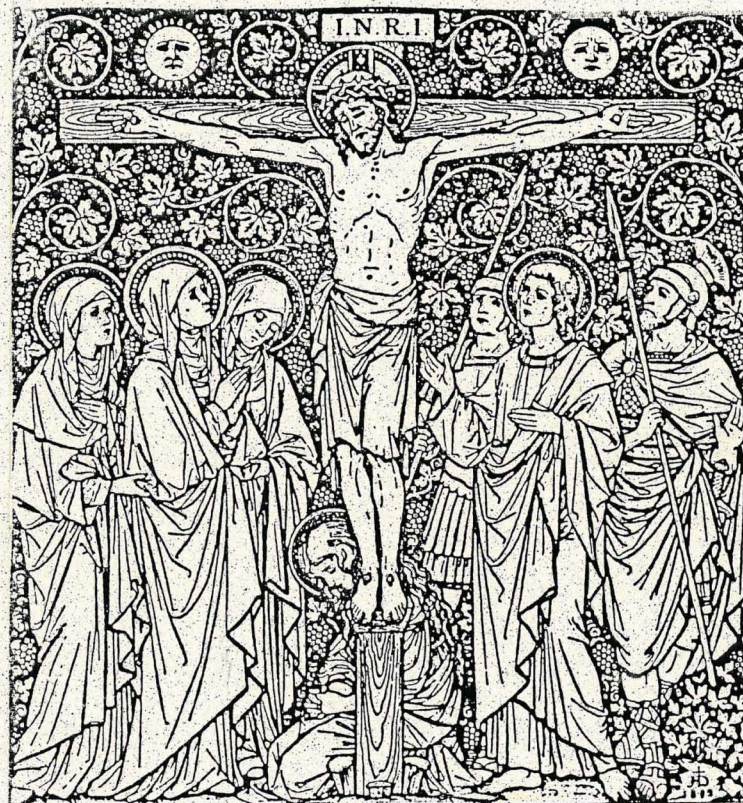
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**July 9, 1920 - April 1, 1998**



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**REQUIEM EUCHARIST**

April 3, 1998

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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Anthems		Prayer Book Page 491
The Collect		Prayer Book Page 493
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## THE DAGGETT FAMILY

William Abraham Daggett, who was born in Schwer, Syria (now Lebanon), emigrated with his mother, two sisters and two brothers to the United States in 1898 and first settled in East Port, Maine, then to Thibodeaux, Louisiana, and then to Pascagoula.

On September 29, 1912, William married Frocine Micheal El Murr. Frocine emigrated to the United States in 1911 with her sister, brother-in-law and their son Tofie.

William and Frocine had nine children, a son who died shortly after his birth in 1913; Yvonne Williams; Evelyn Habeeb; Olga Smith; James Daggett, who died January 1, 1995; Melvina Warner, widow of Charles Warner, who was killed in the Korean Crisis; William Daggett, Jr.; Adeline Daggett, who died on April 1, 1998; and Ellen Daggett who died on August 16, 1998.

William Sr.'s first store in Pascagoula was "The Daggett Racket" -- dry goods and notions on the corner of Delmas and Canty. It opened August 23, 1907, and then other and larger stores followed on Krebs and Magnolia.

In February 1924 William purchased the family home at 711 Krebs Avenue, which had been built in 1897 and where family members lived until it was sold in 1980.

William and Frocine were members of the Greek Orthodox Church. They joined St. John's Episcopal Church where they were members until their deaths. A cross of Jesus called "The Resurrection" hangs in front of the altar, given in memory of William and Frocine.

Today we have the blessing of new choir robes given by friends, relatives and family in memory of Adeline and Ellen Daggett. In the past Ellen and Melvina sang in the choir and long ago Evelyn and Yvonne played the old-fashioned organ that was hand-pumped by Olga, while Adeline carried the cross.



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**Glorify Thy Name**

Father, we love You, we worship and adore you, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

***(Refrain) Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.***

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth. ***(Refrain)***

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth. ***(Refrain)***

Words by Donna Adkins.  
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bill for continued or new work on a number of river basin construction projects, all now in

## W. A. Daggett Rites Thursday

Dec 16, 1963

William A. Daggett, 80, a former Pascagoula merchant, died in Singing River Hospital today at 2 a.m. He had been a patient at the hospital for four weeks.

A native of Lebanon, Daggett came to the United States in 1900 and to Pascagoula in 1912 where he operated a store until 1937. He was employed at the Walker and Ingalls shipyards in Pascagoula, at Gulf Shipyard in Mobile and with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Pascagoula after he closed his business.

Daggett was a member of the Pascagoula Masonic Lodge and St. John's Episcopal Church.

The body will be laid out at 5 p.m. today at Jackson County Mortuary and vespers will be at 8 p.m. Funeral services will start at 2 p.m. Thursday from Jackson County Mortuary and continue at St. John's. The Rev. C. L. Vlaminck, rector of the church, will officiate. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Daggett is survived by two sons, James E. Daggett of Biloxi and William A. Daggett Jr. of Pascagoula, six daughters, Mrs. Harding C. Williams of Knoxville, Ill., Mrs. T. A. Habeeb of Pascagoula, Ellen Daggett of Pascagoula, Mrs. William H. Smith of Mobile, Adeline Daggett of Pascagoula and Mrs. M. D. Warner of Pascagoula, a sister, Mrs. E. A. Kihyet of Pascagoula, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Keene Funeral Home, Pascagoula.

## Area deaths

### DAGGETT

James E. Daggett, 72, DeSoto, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1995 while vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mr. Daggett was born March 4, 1922 in Pascagoula. He was a retired school teacher from the

Dallas Independent School District.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Daggett; son, Robert; daughters, Vicki and Rene; four grandchildren; six sisters; and one brother that resides in Pascagoula.

Funeral service will be Thursday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in DeSoto, Texas.

Interment will be in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Laurel Land Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas.

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**HABEEB**

**Evelyn Anne Daggett Habeeb**, 83, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, in Pascagoula.

Mrs. Habeeb was born May 13, 1916, in Pascagoula, Miss. and was a lifetime resident. She, along with her husband, Thomas Anthony Habeeb Sr., were the former owners of Dad 'n Lad in Pascagoula. Mrs. Habeeb was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Habeeb was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Anthony Habeeb Sr.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Daggett; a brother, James Daggett and two sisters, Ellen Daggett and Adeline Daggett.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Habeeb, Gautier, Miss. and Thomas Habeeb Jr., Pascagoula, Miss.; two daughters, Yvonne Mezano Sr., Birmingham, Ala., and Evelyn Tarranto, Pensacola, Fla.; three sisters, Yvonne Williams, Olga Smith and Melvina Warner; a brother, Bobby Daggett; 15 grandchildren

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and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church. Visitation will be at the church for one hour before the services.

Burial will be at Machpelah Cemetery in Pascagoula.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home Inc. of Pascagoula is in charge of arrangements.

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**Ellen Nastasia Daggett**, 80, of Pascagoula, Miss., died August 16, 1998 in Singing River Hospital, Pascagoula. She was born September 16, 1917 in Pascagoula and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the order of Eastern Star, and was Past Worthy Matron. After 50 years of employment, she retired from Collie Towing Company as an office manager. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Frocine Daggett; a brother, James E. Daggett; and sister, Adeline Daggett.

Survivors include four sisters, Yvonne Williams, Gautier, Evelyn Habeeb, Pascagoula, Olga Smith, Fairhope, Ala., and Melvina Warner, Pascagoula; brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Daggett, Jr., Pascagoula; sister-in-law, Betty Daggett, DeSoto, Tx.; along with her niece and nephew, Patricia and Charles Warner who lived with her during their childhood; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, August 18, 1998, 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pascagoula with the Rev. Kyle Seage officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church fellowship hall.

Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Pascagoula.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church in memory of Ellen Daggett.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula, Miss.

**DAGGETT**

**Adeline Lydia Daggett**, 77, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Wednesday, April 1, 1998, in Pascagoula. She was born July 9, 1920, in Pascagoula, and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Pascagoula and the Order of Eastern Star. Ms. Daggett retired from Keesler Air Force Base after thirty years of employment as a computer programmer. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Frocine Daggett and a brother James E. Daggett.

Survivors include five sisters, Yvonne Williams of Gautier, Evelyn Habeeb of Pascagoula, Olga Smith of Fairhope, Ala., Ellen Daggett and Melvina Warner, both of Pascagoula; one brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Daggett, Jr.; one sister-in-law, Betty Daggett of DeSoto, Tx.; along with her niece and nephew, Patricia and Charles Warner who lived with her during their childhood; plus numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral service will be Friday, April 3, 1998, 2:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pascagoula with the Rev. John Gibson and the Rev. Kyle Seage officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church fellowship hall.

Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Pascagoula.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or Hospice of Light Volunteers in memory of Adeline Daggett.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula, Miss.